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**U.S. Representative**

***John Spratt***

South Carolina # 5th District

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**News Release**

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**Spratt Recognized as “Friend of National Parks”**

*Voting record on parks issues earns award for S.C. Congressman*

**WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) was honored today for supporting legislation to protect and enhance America’s parks. The National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA), the nation’s leading park organization, recognized Spratt with a “Friend of National Parks” award for his pro-park voting record.**

“This award recognizes members of Congress, like John Spratt, who are voting to protect the resources of our national parks,” said NPCA President Thomas Kiernan. “As federal lands, our national parks rely on Congress for protection under law and for adequate funding. The award is given to representatives who have stood up for the places that symbolize America's history and its natural wonder.”

The National Parks and Conservation Association is America's only private, nonprofit citizen organization dedicated solely to protecting, preserving, and enhancing the U.S. National Park System. Founded in 1919, the association has more than 400,000 members.

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